

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, and 12-29, and 32 are pending but stand rejected. Claim 18 and 26-28 have been withdrawn from further consideration as being directed to a non-elected species. It is initially noted that while the Examiner addresses Claim 32 in the detailed action, the Claim 32 is not identified as pending in the office action summary.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS: The Examiner objected to Claim 1 noting a typographical error. Claim 1 has been amended to address the Examiner's concerns.

DOUBLE PATENTING: The Examiner objected to Claims 1, 12, 13, 17, and 19 as being substantial duplicates of claims 6, 20, 21, 25, and 29. Prior to the current amendments, Claims 1 and 6 each recited a controller operable to performing specified tasks. Claim 6 no longer recites a controller but recites various means for performing various functions. This amendment renders the objection moot.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC §112: The Examiner rejected Claim 5 under §112, second paragraph noting a problem with antecedent basis. Claim 5 has been cancelled.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC §103: The Examiner rejected Claims 1-31 citing various USPN 4,994,827 issued to Jamzadeh in view of USPN 4,706,099 in view of Suzuki in further view of USPN 6,226,125 issued to Fukushi.

Claim 1, as amended, is directed to an apparatus for scanning an image and printing copies of the image on a sheet and recites the following:

1. a scan module;
2. a print module;

3. an input device for allowing a selection of an entry identifying a set of differing photo sizes for the purpose of causing a plurality of different sizes of an original to be printed ; and
4. a controller operable, upon a determination that the entry identifying the set of differing photo sizes has been selected, to:
 - a. cause the scan module to scan an image from the original;
 - b. automatically determine actual size of the scanned image;
 - c. automatically scale a first copy of the scanned image to a first photo size identified by the entry;
 - d. automatically scale a second copy of the scanned image to a second selected photo size identified by the entry, the second selected photo size being different than the first selected photo size;
 - e. automatically cause the print module to print one or more of the scaled first copy on a first sheet; and
 - f. automatically cause the print module to print one or more of the second scaled copy on a second sheet.

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the input device is for allowing a selection of an entry identifying a set of differing photo sizes. Such an entry is selected for the purpose of causing a plurality of different sizes of an original to be printed. Upon determination that the entry has been selected, the recited controller causes a scanned image to be generated from an original. Two copies of the scanned image are made and scaled to differing sizes. The scaled size of each copy being identified by the entry. One or more of the first copy are printed on a first sheet and one or more of the second copy are printed on a second sheet.

None of the cited references teaches or suggests an input device that allows a selection of an entry identifying a set of differing photo sizes for the purpose of causing a plurality of different sizes of an original to be printed. Jamzedah describes an input device (45) that allows a user to select only a single size from a plurality of sizes but not a set of those sizes. Suzuki and Fukushi are silent on this matter.

Consequently, the cited references also fail to teach a controller that takes a specified action or actions upon a determination that the entry identifying the set of differing photo sizes has been selected. For at least these reasons, Claim 1 is patentable over the cited references as are Claims 3-4, 12-19 and 32 which depend from Claim 1.

Claim 6 is directed to an apparatus for scanning an image and printing copies of an image on a sheet and, as amended, recites the following:

1. a scan module;
2. a print module;
3. an input device for allowing a selection of an entry identifying a set of differing photo sizes for the purpose of causing a plurality of different sizes of an original to be printed; and
4. a means for causing the scan module to scan an image from the original in response to a selection of the entry via the input device, automatically determining actual size of the scanned image, automatically generating a first copy of the scanned image scaled to a first selected photo size identified by the entry, automatically generating a second copy of the scanned image scaled to a second selected photo size identified by the entry, the second selected photo size being different than the first selected photo size, and automatically causing the print module to print one or more of the first copy on a first sheet and to then print one or more of the second copy of on a second sheet.

Not unlike Claim 1, Claim 6 recites an input device that allows a selection of an entry identifying a set of differing photo sizes for the purpose of causing a plurality of different sizes of an original to be printed. As with Claim 1, the cited references mention nothing of such an input device or of a means for performing specified functions in

response to a selection of the entry via the input device. For at least this reason, Claim 6 is patentable over the cited references as are Claims 7, 9, and 20-29 which depend from Claim 6.

CONCLUSION: The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 12-29, and 32 are in condition for allowance. Consequently, early and favorable action allowing these claims and passing the application to issue is earnestly solicited. The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action.

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